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Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph immediately following the title (paragraph added by Preliminary Amendment on January 28, 2004) and replace with the following amended paragraph.

The present application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/831,019, filed July 17, 2001, now abandoned, which is a 371 U.S. national phase of International Application No. PCT/FR00/02443, filed 5 September 2000, which designates the U.S., the entire contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 30 and ending on page 16, line 3 and replace with the following amended paragraph.

Biotinylated HLA-A0201 monomers charged with peptide pp65 were bound to magnetic beads coupled to streptavidine (~~[[Dynabeads]]~~ DYNABEADS M-280 Streptavidin~~[[e]], streptavidin-coupled, magnetic, polystyrene beads~~ [[DYNAL]]). The lymphocyte populations used in the study originated from the synovial fluids or PBL of patients suffering from rheumatoid polyarthritis or PBL originating from healthy donors seropositive in respect of CMV.